



# New President!

Thank you for participating in the November election . The election results are noted below. Barbara Early is serving as our new President . Barb is currently the Clinical Coordinator Director for the Multidisciplinary Acute Care Research Organization (MACRO). Her previous experience includes working as a research coordinator, a registered nurse in several clinical areas and she also served as a medic in the United States Air Force.

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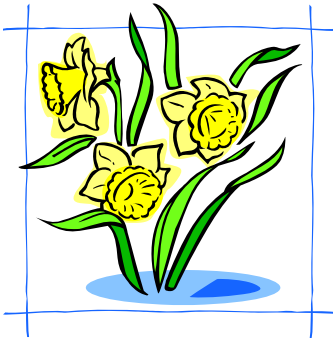
We welcome Barb into this role and look forward to her leadership for the next two years.

- President Elect—Dana Ivanco
- Vice President—Carol Chieffe
- Treasurer—Vera louchmanov
- Secretary—Johnna Jackson

## Recent Headlines in Research—A Quick Look

The first clinical trial of a human embryonic stem cell-based treatment enrolled its first patient in early October. The subject's name was not released due to confidentiality rules, but the announcement generated substantial media attention. The subject was enrolled at Shepherd Center, a private 132-bed spinal cord and brain injury rehabilitation hospital and research center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Last year, FDA gave approval for Geron Corporation, a California-based biotechnology company, to conduct the study. Investigators will implant embryonic stem cells in eight to 10 patients with spinal cord injuries. They will use oligodendrocyte progenitor cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, known as GRNOPC1. Oligodendrocytes play an important role in supporting the functioning and maintenance of cells in the nervous system, and animal studies using GRNOPC1 have shown some promise for regaining motor function after an injury.



# SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Please join us for the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter ACRP  
Spring Dinner and Educational Event

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Time: 5:00PM to 8:00PM

5:00—social hour with appetizers  
and cash bar

6:00—dinner

7:00—dessert and presentation

Venue: Schenley Ballroom

University Center Holiday Inn

100 Lytton Avenue

Cost will be \$40



Please note

Details on registration  
will follow soon



## Dinner Choices

### Chicken Genovese

Chicken breast roasted with plum tomato, fontina cheese and drizzled with white wine cream sauce and basil oil

### Stuffed Orange Roughy

Orange roughy stuffed with Maryland crab and drizzled with lemon dill buerre blanc

### Portobello Florentino

Portobello mushroom cap stuffed with creamy spinach basil and pine nut stuffing, roasted to perfection and drizzled with a balsamic reduction sauce and roasted pepper coulis

**Continuing education credits will be offered free of charge.**

### Speaker—Diana Stapleton, RN, BS, CCRC

**“Coordinating Center: Control is Not a Four Letter Word”**

Diana is a registered nurse who has worked in clinical research for 20 years. She spent 12 years as a study coordinator (cardiovascular and anesthesiology therapeutic areas) followed by site management, clinical research associate and project management responsibilities. She is currently working as Project Manager at the University of Pittsburgh; the Coordinating Center for a large multi-center, NIH-funded sepsis study.

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# News

## Nurses

The State of Pennsylvania now requires Continuing Education credits for license renewal. Free credits are available at:

[www.nurse.com](http://www.nurse.com)

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## Membership Information

To join or renew membership in The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, you must complete the process online at:

[www.acrpnet.org](http://www.acrpnet.org)

You must be a member of National ACRP to be a local member.

Questions or problems: Contact any member of the local chapter board for help.

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## DVD Recommendation

*Something The Lord Made* is a film about the black cardiac pioneer [Vivien Thomas](#) and his complex and volatile partnership with white surgeon [Alfred Blalock](#), the world famous "Blue Baby doctor" who pioneered modern heart surgery. Based on the [National Magazine Award](#)-winning [Washingtonian](#) magazine article "Like Something the Lord Made" by Katie McCabe, the film was directed by [Joseph Sargent](#) and written by [Peter Silverman](#) and Robert Caswell.